

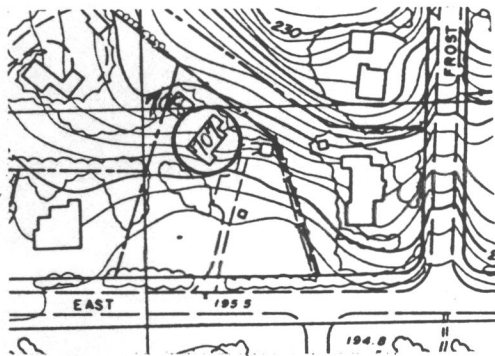
FORM B – BUILDING

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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

707, 708

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 14 East St.

Historic Name George W. Wright House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1873

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Second Empire

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn, well house

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition, front and rear porches (dates unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.4 A.

Setting Set back from street on a rise across from a 1960s condominium development

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

14 East St. (MHC #707) is one of the few Second Empire cottages in Lexington. The original house is square, 1½ stories, two-by-two bays, and has a hip-on-mansard roof with a side chimney. It is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The main entry, on the facade, is flanked by one sidelight. The 6/6 windows have projecting surrounds, one of which, on the first-story facade, is supported by brackets. A full-width porch with turned posts extends across the facade. A rear shed-roofed addition has an exterior chimney and a porch. The 1½-story side-gabled barn (MHC #708) is clad with clapboards, and the well house next to the driveway shields a well that has been capped with concrete.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Lexington assessors' records indicate that this house was built in 1873 by George Washington Wright (b. 1843), for in May of that year he bought the land on which it stands from his father and in 1874 was assessed not only for the land but also for a house and barn. George Wright is listed in the 1887 *Directory* as a farmer and in subsequent *Directory*'s as a driver for Lexington firms that manufactured carbonated drinks. After his death the house was inherited by his daughter Bertha (b. 1878), and the present owners, the McDonalds, acquired it from her about 1962.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*